

Dorset Fire District Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2026

Members Present: Ben Weiss, Jon Ams, Lee Fox, Roger Squire, Cindy Loudenslager

Others Present: Jacob Gribble, Rob Gaiotti, Greg Kepler, Nicole Mills, Justine Cook

February 9th Meeting Minutes: Roger Squire noted that the word PFAS needed to be added to the 1st paragraph in the Water Operations report. Roger Squire moved and Cindy Loudenslager seconded to approve the meeting minutes as amended, motion passed 4-0.

Fire Chief's Report:

- FA Church St
- FA East Dorset
- FA Dorset Hollow Rd
- Mutual Aid to Pawlet for structure fire
- CO alarm Dorset West Rd
- FA East Dorset

The new tanker is in NY for warranty work, dealing with cracking in the structure of the truck. Jacob received a quote on an external electronic valve for \$8,300 with a 7 to 9 week lead time. This will allow the firemen to utilize the truck more easily. Discussion ensued about the fire bay flooring and warranty issues. Jacob noted a recent issue with Northshire rescue and dispatching. The members are working to be certified installers of smoke alarms. Discussion ensued about compensation for members doing smoke alarm installations. FY27 Fire Budget work is planned.

Roger Squire moved and Jon Ams seconded to approve the Fire Chief's Report, motion passed 4-0.

Well 3 Discussion:

Nicole Mills and Justine Cook were present to discuss well 3 and the source permit and status. Discussion ensued about the intent of DFD to wait to see the impacts from the Casella Route 30 work on the system before deciding about next steps with the well. It was noted that consumption has gone way down and the State said they could possibly lift the moratorium soon. Well 3 has received its permit and the building and treatment is estimated at about \$1.6 million. At the public hearing in January on well 3 it was noted that if the water was planned to be used it should be treated. DFD will have to work through what makes the most sense for next steps.

Engineer's Report:

Contract No. 3:

- Casella will be in town soon to start Phase 2 work.
- Awaiting pricing from Herrmann on the 11 Route 30 service lines.

Spring Yield Study:

- DFD needs to approve the submission of the yield study draft by OCE
- Study shows 68 gpm

Roger Squire moved and Lee Fox seconded to approve submission of the yield study, motion passed 4-0.

Roger Squire moved and Jon Ams seconded to approve the Engineer's report, motion passed 4-0.

DORSET FIRE DISTRICT # 1 FINANCE REPORT

Expense and revenue reports are attached, highlights below:

Water District:

Cash on hand:

Money Market balance: \$24,497

Checking balance: \$54,184

Loan to Fire: -\$64,166

Cash position: \$78,681

- Quarter 3 bills go out soon;
- Expenses for large project construction, engineering; operations
- LOC balance currently: \$250,000 – will pull more from LOC soon as Casella bills start to come in for Contract No. 3.
- Operations expense

Water fees due (more than 30 days): 7 accounts in total past due: \$3,997.02
Fire District:

- Expenses paid: Equipment & Utilities.
- Donations sit at \$44,102
- Town to make fire tax payment week of 3/9

Cash on hand:

Education Retention Fund: \$2,406

General Checking: \$2,824 (Jones Donation money:
\$100,000)

Truck Escrow: \$2,960 (restricted)

Cash Position: \$29,689

Loan From Water: \$64,166

Cindy Loudenslager moved and Roger Squire seconded to approve the DFD financial reports, motion passed 4-0.

DFD MANAGER/ OPERATIONS REPORT 3-9-26:

- Supplemental Well: We received the permit for well 3 on 2/24.
- Lease agreement with Page (222 Cheney) will need to be extended, still need to let the well process play out prior to extending.
- OCE working on final spring yield study – State is expecting to have it before any moratorium lifting discussions.
- Water use has been consistent which is good news for possible June moratorium exit.
- Have a meeting with Bren Herrmann this week relative to larger scale pricing for Route 30, would include the quantities for the 11 services OCE provided.
- Working through the ACCD reimbursement process. First reimbursement should be around \$560,000.
- Down to the last few meters to be installed – 57 Dorset Hollow, 2918 Dorset West, 2846 Route 30.
- IUP application was submitted on 2/5. OCE has mentioned possible Step 2 application for design for well 3 – DFD will need to discuss and decide.

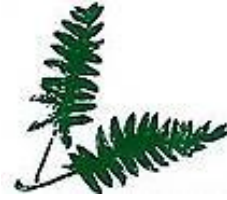
OPERATIONS:

- SOS has now fixed 5 total service lines with leak on the press fittings done by ROY plumbing. We are creating a document to report it to them (out of warranty at this point though).
- Blow off valve at top of Barrows Heights is now running.
- Coordinating power to be run to metering station in spring
- Calls for service: 4

Roger Squire moved and Jon Ams seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:32pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Rob Gaiotti, Town Manager

Dorset Fire District # 1



Chartered 1911

Mailing Address:

PO Box 341
Dorset, VT 05251

Physical Address:

Dorset Town Offices
112 Mad Tom Road
East Dorset, VT 05253

Fire District Bookkeeper

Phone: 802-362-4571
Fax: 802-362-5156
Email: dorsetfire341@comcast.net

DFD MANAGER/ OPERATIONS REPORT 4-13-26:

- Supplemental Well: We received the permit for well 3 on 2/24.
- Lease agreement with Page (222 Cheney) will need to be extended, still need to let the well process play out prior to extending.
- OCE submitted spring yield study and the State is expected to approve the 68 gpm. DFD can follow up soon about the moratorium getting lifted in a few months according to State.
- Herrmann Construction has provided pricing for the 11 services on Route 30. At \$165,800 – Ledge could impact the cost and interior plumbing would have to be added) the pricing is much less than Casella's pricing. Items to note: it won't be eligible for the SRF loan because it won't meet SRF requirements (Davis/Bacon and American Iron/Steel). DFD has bond approval for up to \$5 million. If DFD wants to move forward it would need to get a non SRF loan from the Bond Bank in order to finance this work.
- Working through the ACCD reimbursement process. First reimbursement should be around \$650,000.
- Down to the last few meters to be installed – 57 Dorset Hollow, 2918 Dorset West, 2846 Route 30.

OPERATIONS:

- Leak repair on Kent Hill Road 2 weeks ago, things still trending up a slight amount.
- Blow off valve at top of Barrows Heights is now running.
- Coordinating power to be run to metering station in spring – The analyzer system is \$18,000, awaiting final pricing for running the power (anticipate that it will be around \$10,000 to \$15,000).
- Calls for service: 3
- Chris Hayes is starting Water Treatment Professionals and will retain DFD as an account. Awaiting a pricing agreement. Because of this shift, SOS contacted DFD to let us know that they will not be able to service DFD after 5/1/26

HERRMANN CONSTRUCTION INC
 PO BOX 604
 MANCHESTER CENTER, VT 05255

Estimate

Date	Estimate #
4/3/2026	2104

Name / Address
DORSET FIRE DISTRICT #1 WATER COMPANY PO BOX 341 DORSET, VT 05251

P.O. No.	Project
	DORSET FIRE DIS...

Description	Total
LUMP SUM PRICE FOR 11 SERVICES TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING SCOPE OF WORK: TAPPING OF MAIN INSTALLING OF CORPS TRENCHING AND INSTALLING OF WATER SERVICES CURB STOPS DRILLING INTO BASEMENTS BACKFILLING, SEED AND HAY DISTURBED AREAS REMOVING AND RESETTING OF APPROXIMATELY 30' CURBING REMOVING AND RESETTING OF APPROXIMATELY 50' SIDEWALK DIRECTIONAL BORING 550' +/- ALL MATERIAL AND QUANTITIES PER DESCRIPTION SHEET DATED 1/22/26 **ALL JACK HAMMERING OF LEDGE TO BE BILLED AT TIME AND MATERIAL **ALL HOOK-UPS OF WATER IN BASEMENT NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE TOTAL ESTIMATE	165,800.00

Phone #	E-mail	Total	\$165,800.00
802-362-4400	susan@herrmannconstructionvt.com		



Dorset Fire District Annual Report 2026

Monday May 11, 2026

Annual Meeting

At 7:00 p.m.

Meeting and voting take place at the:
Dorset Town Offices

200 Raptor Lane

Dorset, VT 05251

Dorset Fire District No. 1 Important Info:

Prudential Committee Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7:00pm

Fire Department Training takes place every Tuesday at 6pm

Fire District Annual Meeting takes place on the second Monday in May at 7:00pm

All meetings are shifting to be held at the Town Offices 200 Raptor Lane Dorset, VT 05251

Taxes & Water Fees

Taxes and Water fees are collected at the Town Manager's Office located at 200 Raptor Lane Dorset, VT 05253. Mailing Address: 200 Raptor Lane Dorset, VT 05251

For questions or information contact: 802-362-4571 x 4 or email:

dorsetadmin@comcast.net

Water Operations

Water Operator: Chris Hayes, Simon Ops. 802-793-9429 or email:

chayes@simonop.com

Water Manager: Rob Gaiotti 802-362-4571 or email: townmanager@gmail.com

Cell: 802-417-7814

Fire District Website: www.dorsetfiredistrict.org

Fire Operations

Fire Chief: Jacob Gribble 802-375-4233 or email: dorsetfire@comcast.net

MEETING NOTES:

**Dorset Fire District
2025 Elected Officers**

Prudential Committee, 1 year term expires 2026	Cindy Loudenslager
Prudential Committee, 1 year term expires 2026	Ben Weiss
Prudential Committee, 3 year term expires 2027	Jon Ams
Prudential Committee, 3 year term expires 2028	Lee Fox
Prudential Committee, 3 year term expires 2026	Roger Squire
Fire District Treasurer, 1 year term expires 2026	Lee Fox
Fire District Clerk, 1 year term expires 2026	Roger Squire
Fire District Moderator, 1 year term expires 2026	Kevin O'Toole
Fire Chief	Jacob Gribble
1st Assistant	Joe Clark
2nd Assistant	Chris Dyer

Appointed Officials:

Water Operator	Simon Operations
Administrative Assistant & Bookkeeper	Nancy Aversano
Water Manager	Rob Gaiotti

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DORSET FIRE DISTRICT

Dorset Volunteer Fire Dept.
Dorset Water Co.

Mailing: PO Box 341 Dorset, VT 05251
Phone: 802-362-4571 x 4

Fire Station: 2877 Route 30 Dorset, VT 05251
Offices: Town Office 200 Mad Tom Road Dorset, VT 05251
Email: dorsetfire341@gmail.com

Posted: April 6, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE:

WARNING

Dorset Fire District No. 1 - 2025 Annual Meeting **Dorset Town Office 200 Raptor Lane** **Monday May 11, 2026 – 7:00pm**

The legal voters of the Dorset Fire District No. 1 are hereby warned and notified to attend this meeting to transact the following business:

1. Reading the minutes of 2025 annual meeting held on May 12, 2025, and act upon the same.
2. To hear reports of Officers of the Fire Department and Prudential Committee.
3. To act upon the proposed budget for the Fire Department for fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, and authorize the Prudential Committee to set the tax rate following the publication of the Grand List.
4. To act upon the proposed budget for the Water Department for fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, and authorize the Prudential Committee to set rates for water users.
5. To elect members of the Prudential Committee, one member to a three-year term, and two members to one-year terms.
6. To elect a Clerk, a Treasurer, a Collector of Taxes and a Moderator.
7. To transact any other business to properly come before the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ben Weiss, Chairman, Prudential Committee

Dorset Fire District No. 1



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Dorset Fire District Annual Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2025

Present: Rosalie Fox, Justine Cook, Gay Squire, Joe Clark, Chris Dyer, Jacob Gribble, Randy Welp, Rob Gaiotti, Kevin O'Toole.

Members Present: Ben Weiss, Lee Fox, Roger Squire, Cindy Loudenslager, Jon Ams.

2024 Annual Meeting Minutes - Rosalie Fox moved and Justine Cook seconded to approve the 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes, motion passed.

Rosalie Fox moved and Justine Cook seconded to approve hearing the reports of the Officers of the Fire Department, motion passed.

Lee Fox gave an overview of the FY26 Fire Department Budget, large items include truck payments, firefighter compensation, building maintenance and new equipment. Total budget is \$209,250. Jacob Gribble gave an overview of the 2024 year, there were 144 calls (record for DFD), a new attack truck, tanker truck is being built, improvements to the Fire Station. New tanker will hold 3000 gallons of water. Roger Squire gave an update about the DFD upcoming fundraising effort for equipment and building maintenance. Costs of fire fighter equipment are rapidly increasing in costs, so the District is looking to fundraising as a way to offset costs for taxpayers.

FY26 Water Budget is \$164,500 which is up 5% from FY25. The project to replace service and small diameter mains continues. The first phase over the last 2 construction cycles came in nearly \$800,000 under budget and DFD has a project bid

out for 2025 summer work. New England backflow installed meter. There are additional projects for 27 additional service lines and partial services under Route 30. Rob Gaiotti gave a DFD water debt and project overview. Ben Weiss gave an overview of running power to the metering station which would allow for less water operations service time. Discussion continued about the water moratorium and potential improvements to the system. Ben Weiss also presented info about well no. 3 on Cheney Road.

Reports were approved by the voters unanimously.

FY26 Fire Budget Approval - Randy Welp moved and Justine Cook seconded to approve the Fire Budget, motion passed.

FY26 Water Budget Approval - Rosalie Fox moved and Gay Squire seconded to approve the Water Budget, motion passed.

Election of Members:

Prudential Committee 1-year terms: Cindy Loudenslager, Ben Weiss

Prudential Committee 3-year term: Lee Fox

Moderator 1 year: Kevin O'Toole

Gay Squire moved and Justine seconded to approve the slate of directors for the Fire District, motion passed.

Election of Officers:

Treasurer 1 year: Lee Fox

Clerk 1 year: Roger Squire

Transact any other business:

Justine Cook inquired about a taste test for the new well. The well source permit would be needed before that would be allowable.

Gay Squire moved and Rosalie Fox seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:28pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Gaiotti, Town Manager

Fire Department Report 2025

DORSET FIRE DEPT. 2025 REPORT

In 2025, the firemen of the Dorset Fire District #1 logged a total of 1,697 hours of in-house training. They also had 4 firefighters take classes at FDIC for another 32 hours of training.

This fall, the department took delivery of new pumper/tanker truck with a 3000-gallon water capacity.

This year's fundraising campaign raised over \$30,000 and enabled the department to purchase new infrared cameras for firefighting and rescue work, and new specialized washing and drying equipment for turnout gear. Thank you to all who donated.

The department currently has 20 members, but is always looking for volunteers, with or without firefighting experience (training supplied).

Fire Chiefs

Jacob Gribble: Chief

Joe Clark: Assistant Chief

Firefighters

Tyler King, Captain

Shawn Hazelton, Captain

Eaden Ryan

Ayden Crispe

Nichol McKeighan

David Green

Alex Mintz

August Stauffer

Randy Welp

Rusty Kelly

.Jeremy Casey

Greg Harrington

Jonathan Huntoon

George Thompson

Cooper Greene

Oliver Dimeo

Gabriel Casey

Tucker Casey

The fire department responded to 151 calls in 2025:

Type of Call	Calls
Accident with Injuries	1
Brush Fires	3
CO Alarms	5
CO Problems	1
EMS Assists	11
Fire Alarms - False	18
Fire Alarm - Cooking Food	8
Fire Alarm - Fireplace	4
Fire Alarm - Other	30
Furnace Malfunction	2
Good Intent Call	1
Hazmat	8
Mutual Aid:	
Arlington	1
Danby	1
East Dorset	21
Manchester	15
Pawlet	1
Rupert	3
Structure Fires	2
Transformer Fires	1
Trees across Roads	3
Trees on Wires	2
Wires Down	1
Woods Rescues	1
TOTAL	151

DORSET FIRE DISTRICT #1-FIRE DIVISION 2026/2027

	FY25	FY25 ACTUAL	FY26 BUDGET	FY26 TO DATE	FY27 BUDGET
REVENUES					
DEL. FIRE TAX	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
INTEREST	\$0.00	\$172.00	\$0.00	\$104.00	\$100.00
TOWN APPRO.	\$198,760.00	\$198,790.00	\$209,250.00	\$104,463.00	\$215,500.00
DONATIONS	\$0.00	\$8,150.00	\$0.00	\$44,102.00	\$0.00
SALE OF EQUIP	\$0.00	\$909.00	\$0.00	\$77,493.00	\$0.00
TRUCK LOAN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
INSURANCE REIMBURSED	\$0.00	\$5,509.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DISPATCH REIMBURSED	\$0.00	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,750.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$198,760.00	\$219,030.00	\$209,250.00	\$228,912.00	\$215,600.00
EXPENSES					
ADVERTISEMENTS	\$100.00	\$209.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
FIRE PREVENTION	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00
INSURANCE	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 21,921.00	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 31,463.00	\$ 20,000.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 285.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,109.00	\$ 1,000.00
POSTAGE & PRINTING	\$ 200.00	\$ 93.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,014.00	\$ 250.00
PROFESSIONAL FEES	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,500.00
CLERK/MGR FEES	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 3,850.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
DAM FEE	\$ -	\$ 350.00	\$ -	\$ 350.00	\$ -
DISPATCH CONTRACT	\$ -	\$ 2,750.00	\$ -	\$ 5,650.00	\$ -
FUEL	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 7,857.00	\$ 5,950.00	\$ 6,104.00	\$ 8,000.00
EQUIP - MAINT.	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 45,413.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 30,559.00	\$ 25,000.00
NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 39,805.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 56,782.00	\$ 24,000.00
TRUCK PAYMENT	\$ -	\$ 23,127.00	\$ 50,353.00	\$ 50,725.00	\$ 50,353.00
TRUCK SINKING FUND	\$ 40,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FIRE HOUSE MAINT.	\$ 23,500.00	\$ 21,036.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 8,273.00	\$ 22,000.00
FIRE HOUSE SUPPLIES	\$ 300.00	\$ 814.00	\$ 497.00	\$ 539.00	\$ 500.00
UTILITIES	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 14,116.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 11,649.00	\$ 13,000.00
DUES/TRAINING	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 6,482.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 373.00	\$ 2,500.00
MEALS	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,307.00	\$ 1,200.00
FEC	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 26,850.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 27,614.00	\$ 30,000.00
PAYROLL TAXES	\$ 2,960.00	\$ 2,172.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 7,508.00	\$ 3,500.00
MISC. EXPENSE	\$ -	\$ 2,338.00	\$ -	\$ 2,056.00	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 198,760.00	\$ 229,368.00	\$ 209,250.00	\$ 246,825.00	\$ 215,503.00

Water Operations Report 2025

The last year was another busy one for the Dorset Village Water System. Phase 1 of the service line replacement project came in over \$800,000 under budget which was great news. The District pivoted quickly and was able to bid out additional service line work on Route 30. It is important to note that around \$650,000 of the \$1.2 million project will be covered by grants and loan forgiveness. This was a major motivation to move the phase 2 project to construction. Casella construction won the bid and will begin work spring 2026. Work will start near HN Williams and continue through the summer.

Last fall the operations staff located and repaired a major leak on Dorset West Road. Since that time, the water system has used far less water. There is good news in that the State has verbally told us that the moratorium could be lifted in June. This would be the end of a 40-year-old problem!

Additionally the District just finished a safe yield study for Kellogg springs and is expected to receive a source permit for the springs with a yield of 68 gallons per minute. The District has also received the source permit for the well on Cheney Road. The yield is 150 gallons per minute and the well is a significant asset for operational redundancy. The well had test results will very small amounts of PFAS and the District will have to determine how best to move forward with use of this asset moving forward. During the January public hearing we received input that any use of the well source should be treated before entering into the system. The treatment building and equipment could cost around \$1.5 million. The District is waiting to see the additional results from Phase 2 service line work to better understand how to move forward with future capital investments.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Water Bills are paid Quarterly. Payments are made out to Dorset Fire District and either mailed to PO Box 341 Dorset, VT 05251 or dropped off at the Dorset Town Offices (Mon-Fri 8am to 4pm).

Questions? Contact 362-4571 x 4 or email: dorsetadmin@comcast.net

Water Service is monitored and maintained by the Water Operator Chris Hayes of Simon Operations Corp. Questions/Problems? Contact chayes@simonop.com

DFD—Water Division FY27 Budget

Account	FY25	FY25 Actual	FY26	FY26 to date	FY27 proposed
REVENUES					
02-6000-30.00 Interest Income	\$500	\$1,934.00	\$500	\$1,324	\$500
02-6000-30.10 User Fees - Delinquent	\$500	\$0.00	\$500	\$0	\$500
02-6000-30.20 User Fees - Current	\$158,000	\$157,269.00	\$163,000	\$72,361	\$167,000
02-6000-60.00 Grant Revenue	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
02-6000-70.00 Planning Loan Revenue	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
02-6000-71.00 Sinking Fund Transfer	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
02-6000-72.00 Fire Depart Engineering Revenue	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL REVENUES	\$159,000	\$159,203	\$164,000	\$73,685	\$168,000
EXPENSES					
02-7000-01.00 Bank Service Charge	\$0	\$30.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
02-7000-02.00 Chemicals	\$500	\$464.00	\$500	\$622	\$750
02-7000-03.00 Clerical Supplies	\$300	\$225.00	\$300	\$91	\$350
02-7000-04.00 Clerk Fees	\$5,000	\$14,550.00	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
02-7000-05.00 Contingency	\$10,000	\$0.00	\$10,000	\$0	\$5,000
02-7000-07.00 Dues & Publications	\$300	\$315.00	\$300	\$0	\$300
02-7000-08.00 Fuel	\$700	\$503.00	\$700	\$0	\$700
02-7000-09.00 Insurance	\$4,500	\$4,938.00	\$4,800	\$2,386	\$4,800
02-7000-11.01 Maintenance - Main Line	\$15,000	\$6,051.00	\$16,500	\$24,915	\$12,500
02-7000-11.02 Maintenance - Reservoir	\$2,500	\$18,007.00	\$3,500	\$6,577	\$2,500
02-7000-11.03 Maintenance - Road	\$1,500	\$0.00	\$2,500	\$0	\$3,500
02-7000-11.04 Maintenance-Service Line	\$0	\$10,774.00	\$0	\$20,957	\$0
02-7000-12.00 Mileage	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
02-7000-13.00 Misc. Expenses	\$300	\$140.00	\$500	\$0	\$500
02-7000-14.00 Planning Loan Expenses	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
02-7000-15.00 News Letter	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
02-7000-16.00 Operating Permit	\$2,000	\$1,644.00	\$1,950	\$738	\$1,950
02-7000-18.00 Postage	\$800	\$949.00	\$800	\$730	\$1,000
02-7000-19.00 Printing	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
02-7000-20.00 Professional Fees	\$12,000	\$17,930.00	\$12,000	\$12,973	\$12,000
02-7000-21.00 Repay Loans/Debt Retirement	\$38,500	\$0.00	\$38,500	\$0	\$65,000
02-7000-22.00 Sinking Fund	\$4,500	\$0.00	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
02-7000-23.00 System Operator	\$58,550	\$60,570.00	\$59,000	\$46,212	\$45,000
02-7000-24.00 Telephone	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
02-7000-25.00 Testing	\$1,500	\$1,975.00	\$1,800	\$1,560	\$1,800
02-7000-26.00 Consumer Confid Reports	\$350	\$0.00	\$350	\$0	\$350
02-7000-29.00 Other Expenses	\$0	\$3,000.00	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$158,800	\$142,065	\$164,000	\$120,761	\$168,000
Rates/ Payments (average per user /178 users)	\$888		\$916	\$407	\$938
Net Increase/Decrease			\$28	-\$509	\$532
% Increase/Decrease			3.07%	-125.26%	2.40%

Dorset Fire District Annual Meeting Finance Info:

FY27 Budgets:

Fire: \$215,503

The FY26 Fire Budget is 5% higher for this year. The Prudential Committee and the Fire Chief continue to work diligently to streamline the budget for efficiency.

Water: \$168,000

The FY27 Water Budget will be 2.4% higher than FY26.

FY27 Average annual bill of \$938

FY25 Annual Audit

Dorset Fire District has hired the audit firm of Mudgett, Jennett & Krough-Wisner PC to conduct an external audit of the Fire District Financial Statements.

The FY25 Audit presented NO material weaknesses or deficiencies

Figures are reported as net of Fire Fund/Water Fund together. All Fire funds and Water funds are separated with separate bank accounts and ledgers.

Net Position:

Assets Fire: \$1,548,303 Assets Water: \$4,415,080

Liabilities Fire: \$488,425 Liabilities Water: \$3,551,610

Net Fire: \$1,059,878 Net Water: \$863,470

Net position includes all cash and capital assets of the District

Statement of Revenues & Expenses (FY25):

Total Revenues: \$332,379 Total Expenses: \$266,550

Fire Fund had a net decrease of \$115,402

Water Fund had a net surplus of \$11,649

Includes asset depreciation

District Debt:

At Current Total District (Includes Fire & Water Funds) debt balance:

Water: \$3,299,857

Fire: \$487,863

**Copies of the FY25 Audit can be picked up at the Town Offices or viewed online at
www.dorsetfiredistrict.org**

Questions?





Burning Status

By Permit Only

Outdoor burning is currently allowed, provided you receive a written permit from fire department official. We urge extreme caution when burning.

For all burn permits, please contact:

Jacob Gribble at (802) 375-4233



Volunteers Needed:

The Dorset Fire Department is currently looking for volunteers to join the department. All training, gear and other expenses are covered, including a stipend based on your involvement.

Available positions include:

Firefighters

Drivers

Helpers at Firehouse (during calls)

To volunteer or get more information, please contact:

Jacob Gribble at (802) 375-4233

Delinquent Water Fees as of April 7, 2026 (30+ days past due)

Smith – 40 Cheney \$198.21

White – 3119 Dorset West \$218.21

O’Leary – 3299 Dorset West \$214.88

Total \$452.30



Dorset Fire District No. 1
PO Box 341
Dorset, VT 05251



DORSET FIRE DISTRICT

Dorset Volunteer Fire Dept.
Dorset Water Co.

Mailing: PO Box 341 Dorset, VT 05251

Fire Station: 2877 Route 30 Dorset, VT 05251

Phone: 802-362-4571 x 4

Offices: Town Office 112 Mad Tom Rd E. Dorset, VT 05253

Email: dorsetfire341@gmail.com

Posted: April 6, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE:

WARNING

Dorset Fire District No. 1 - 2026 Annual Meeting
Dorset Town Offices
200 Raptor Lane Dorset, VT 05251
Monday May 11, 2026 – 7:00pm

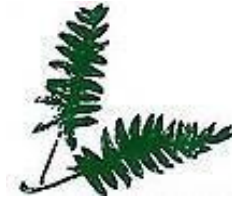
The legal voters of the Dorset Fire District No. 1 are hereby warned and notified to attend this meeting to transact the following business:

1. Reading the minutes of 2025 annual meeting held on May 12, 2025, and act upon the same.
2. To hear reports of Officers of the Fire Department and Prudential Committee.
3. To act upon the proposed budget for the Fire Department for fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, and authorize the Prudential Committee to set the tax rate following the publication of the Grand List.
4. To act upon the proposed budget for the Water Department for fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, and authorize the Prudential Committee to set rates for water users.
5. To elect members of the Prudential Committee, one member to a three-year term, and two members to one-year terms.
6. To elect a Clerk, a Treasurer, a Collector of Taxes and a Moderator.
7. To transact any other business to properly come before the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ben Weiss, Chairman, Prudential Committee
Dorset Fire District No. 1

Dorset Fire District # 1



Chartered 1911

Mailing Address:

PO Box 341
Dorset, VT 05251

Physical Address:

Dorset Town Offices
112 Mad Tom Road
East Dorset, VT 05253

Fire District Bookkeeper

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Fax: 802-362-5156

Email: dorsetfire341@comcast.net

DORSET FIRE DISTRICT # 1 FINANCE REPORT APRIL 13, 2025:

Expense and revenue reports are attached, highlights below:

Water District:

Cash on hand:

Money Market balance: \$24,552

Checking balance: \$701,533

Loan to Fire: -\$64,166

Cash position: \$726,085

- Quarter 3 bills due soon;
- Expenses for large project construction, engineering; operations
- LOC balance currently: \$1,000,000 – this is to prepare for Casella
- Operations expense

Water fees due (more than 30 days): 3 accounts with around \$452 in delinquencies.

Fire District:

- Expenses paid: Equipment & Utilities.
- Donations sit at \$44,102
- Town to make fire tax payment week of 3/9

Cash on hand:

Education Retention Fund: \$2,422

General Checking: \$106,569 (Jones Donation money:
\$100,000)

Truck Escrow: \$2,979 (restricted)

Cash Position: \$111,970

Loan From Water: \$64,166

Account/Description	Budget	Balance
01-1000-00.01 BB - Educ/Rent Fund	0.00	2,422.14
01-1000-00.02 Berkshire - Checking	0.00	106,569.71
01-1000-00.03 Truck Escrow - Berkshire	0.00	2,979.34
01-1100-00.00 Accounts Receivable	0.00	0.00
01-1110-00.00 Opening Bal Equity	0.00	0.00
01-1120-00.00 Retained Earnings	0.00	0.00
01-1400-00.00 Truck Deposit	0.00	0.00
01-1500-00.01 Capital Assets	0.00	2,658,971.99
01-1500-00.02 Accumulated Depreciation	0.00	-1,085,281.10
01-1900-00.00 Inventory Asset	0.00	0.00
01-1900-00.01 Equipment	0.00	0.00
01-1900-00.02 Due From Water District	0.00	-64,191.30
01-1900-00.03 Investment Change	0.00	0.00
01-1900-00.04 Interfund Note Receivable	0.00	0.00
01-2300-00.00 Due to Other Funds	0.00	-2,369.61
Total Asset	0.00	1,619,101.17
01-2000-00.00 Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00
01-2000-00.01 New Truck Payment Payable	0.00	487,863.01
01-2000-00.02 Payroll Liabilities	0.00	0.00
01-2000-00.03 Payroll taxes payable	0.00	0.00
01-2000-00.04 Long Term Debt	0.00	0.00
01-2300-00.01 Due to Truck Escrow Accou	0.00	0.00
01-2300-00.02 Due to Water District	0.00	0.00
01-2300-00.03 Purchase Orders	0.00	0.00
Total Liability	0.00	487,863.01
01-3000-00.00 Fund Balance	0.00	1,080,084.26
Total Fund Balance	0.00	1,080,084.26
01-3000-00.01 Reserve for Truck Sinking	0.00	2,921.69
01-3000-00.02 Res for Tax Sale	0.00	0.00
Total Reserves	0.00	2,921.69

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Dorset Fire District #1 General Ledger
Trial Balance - Fire Dept
Current Year - Period 10 Apr

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Town Manager

Account/Description	Estimated Revenue	Received To Date	Uncollected Balance	MTD Revenue
01-6000-00.00 Fire Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-6000-10.00 Fire Tax - Delinquent	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-6000-20.00 Fire Tax Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-6000-30.00 Interest Income	0.00	123.83	-123.83	0.00
01-6000-40.00 Misc Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-6000-45.00 Insurance Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-6000-50.00 Dispatch Reimbursement	0.00	2,750.00	-2,750.00	0.00
01-6000-60.00 Town Tax Appropriation	209,250.00	208,926.00	324.00	0.00
01-6000-70.00 Truck Escrow Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-6000-80.00 Withdrawal from Sinking F	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-6700-00.00 FEMA - Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-6800-00.00 Donations	0.00	44,102.00	-44,102.00	0.00
01-6900-00.05 Sale of Equipment/Bldg	0.00	77,493.00	-77,493.00	0.00
Total Revenues	209,250.00	333,394.83	-124,144.83	0.00

Account/Description	Budget	Expenditures	Balance	MTD Expenditures
01-7100-10.00 Advertisements	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
01-7100-20.00 Fire Prevention	600.00	0.00	600.00	0.00
01-7100-30.00 Insurance	19,500.00	32,372.99	-12,872.99	0.00
01-7100-40.00 Ofc/Fireman Supplies	1,000.00	1,109.90	-109.90	0.00
01-7100-45.00 Postage & Printing	250.00	1,014.00	-764.00	0.00
01-7100-50.00 Professional Fees	3,500.00	5,310.00	-1,810.00	1,560.00
01-7100-51.00 Clerk/Mgr Fees	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00
01-7100-52.00 Dam Fee Prentiss Pond	0.00	350.00	-350.00	0.00
01-7100-53.00 Dispatch Fees	0.00	5,650.00	-5,650.00	0.00
01-7200-10.00 Gas/Diesel Fuel Apparatus	5,950.00	6,540.59	-590.59	76.24
01-7200-12.00 Fed Tax on Fuel	0.00	388.93	-388.93	0.00
01-7200-15.00 Maintenance-Equipment	25,000.00	34,532.14	-9,532.14	2,100.19
01-7200-20.00 New Equipment	23,000.00	60,464.00	-37,464.00	2,124.95
01-7200-32.00 New Truck Payment	50,353.00	50,725.92	-372.92	0.00
01-7200-32.01 Truck Payment Interest	0.00	23,127.45	-23,127.45	0.00
01-7200-33.00 Truck Sinking Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-7300-00.00 Contigency Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-7500-00.00 Firehouse Maintenance	20,000.00	10,098.83	9,901.17	1,824.84
01-7500-21.00 Supplies - Firehouse	497.00	651.96	-154.96	112.92
01-7500-30.00 Utilities	11,500.00	13,494.95	-1,994.95	650.88
01-7600-20.00 FM Training/Dues/Mileage	3,500.00	648.00	2,852.00	100.00
01-7600-30.00 Firemen Education & Reten	30,000.00	27,614.81	2,385.19	0.00
01-7600-40.00 Firemen Dinner/Meals	1,000.00	1,390.96	-390.96	83.90
01-7700-00.00 FEMA Grant Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-7800-00.00 Depreciation Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-7900-00.00 Transfer - Out	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-7900-00.01 Grant Matching Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-7900-00.04 Misc Expense	0.00	909.35	-909.35	29.99
01-7900-00.05 Bad Debt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-7900-00.09 Payroll-Taxes	3,500.00	7,508.01	-4,008.01	0.00
01-7900-00.10 Payroll-Processing	0.00	1,259.83	-1,259.83	0.00
01-7900-00.11 Cost of Goods Sold	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenditures	209,250.00	285,162.62	-75,912.62	8,663.91
Total Fire Dept	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Total Debits: 3,265,355.80 Total Credits: 3,265,355.80

Account/Description	Budget	Balance
02-1000-00.00 Berkshire - Money Market	0.00	24,552.11
02-1000-00.02 Berkshire - Checking	0.00	701,533.69
02-1100-00.00 Accounts Receivable	0.00	22,214.48
02-1100-00.01 Water Repair Receivable	0.00	0.00
02-1100-00.02 Grant Receivable	0.00	0.00
02-1100-10.00 Due To Customers	0.00	-9,005.91
02-1100-20.00 Undeposited Funds	0.00	0.00
02-1100-30.00 Investment Changes	0.00	0.00
02-1500-00.01 Capital Assets	0.00	4,239,254.13
02-1500-00.02 Accumulated Depreciation	0.00	-49,723.67
02-1900-00.02 Inter-Fund	0.00	64,191.30
02-2300-00.00 Due from Fire District	0.00	2,369.61
02-6000-41.00 Maintenance-Service Pymts	0.00	0.00
02-6000-42.00 Water Study Grant Revenue	0.00	0.00
Total Asset	0.00	4,995,385.74
02-1900-00.04 Interfund Note Payable	0.00	0.00
02-2000-00.00 Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00
02-2000-00.01 Water Planning Loan	0.00	3,299,857.28
02-2000-00.02 Line of Credit	0.00	250,000.00
Total Liability	0.00	3,549,857.28
02-3000-00.00 Fund Balance	0.00	846,337.96
Total Fund Balance	0.00	846,337.96
02-3000-00.01 Reserve for Water Sinking	0.00	17,133.40
Total Reserves	0.00	17,133.40

Account/Description	Estimated Revenue	Received To Date	Uncollected Balance	MTD Revenue
02-6000-30.00 Interest Income	500.00	1,413.67	-913.67	0.00
02-6000-30.10 User Fees - Delinquent	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
02-6000-30.20 User Fees - Current	163,000.00	113,546.53	49,453.47	0.00
02-6000-35.00 Misc. Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-6000-40.00 Maintenance Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-6000-50.00 Taken from Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-6000-60.00 LineCredit/Grant Revenue	0.00	750,000.00	-750,000.00	0.00
02-6000-65.00 Asset Mgmt Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-6000-70.00 Planning Loan Revenue	0.00	159,782.50	-159,782.50	0.00
02-6000-71.00 Sinking Fund Transfer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-6000-72.00 Engineer Revenue FireDept	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-6000-80.00 Transfer - In	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenues	164,000.00	1,024,742.70	-860,742.70	0.00

Account/Description	Budget	Expenditures	Balance	MTD Expenditures
02-7000-01.00 Bank Service Charge	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-7000-02.00 Chemicals	500.00	825.90	-325.90	203.50
02-7000-03.00 Clerical Supplies	300.00	91.97	208.03	0.00
02-7000-04.00 Clerk/Mgr Fees	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
02-7000-05.00 Contingency	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00
02-7000-07.00 Dues & Publications	300.00	325.00	-25.00	0.00
02-7000-08.00 Fuel	700.00	0.00	700.00	0.00
02-7000-09.00 Insurance	4,800.00	2,386.00	2,414.00	0.00
02-7000-11.01 Maintenance - Main Line	16,500.00	24,915.01	-8,415.01	0.00
02-7000-11.02 Maintenance - Reservoir	3,500.00	6,577.90	-3,077.90	0.00
02-7000-11.03 Maintenance - Road	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
02-7000-11.04 Maintenance-Service Line	0.00	83,739.85	-83,739.85	1,648.74
02-7000-12.00 Mileage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-7000-13.00 Misc. Expenses	500.00	5.72	494.28	5.72
02-7000-14.00 Plan Loan/Bond Expenses	0.00	140,630.07	-140,630.07	24,397.10
02-7000-15.00 Plan Loan Payments	0.00	108,333.33	-108,333.33	0.00
02-7000-16.00 Operating Permit	1,950.00	1,083.55	866.45	0.00
02-7000-18.00 Postage	800.00	820.90	-20.90	0.00
02-7000-19.00 Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-7000-20.00 Professtional Fees	12,000.00	16,833.40	-4,833.40	3,860.00
02-7000-21.00 Repay Loans/Debt Retireme	38,500.00	0.00	38,500.00	0.00
02-7000-22.00 Sinking Fund	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
02-7000-23.00 System Operator	59,000.00	51,482.00	7,518.00	5,270.00
02-7000-24.00 Telephone	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-7000-25.00 Testing	1,800.00	1,635.00	165.00	0.00
02-7000-26.00 Consumer Confid Reports	350.00	0.00	350.00	0.00
02-7000-29.00 Other Expenses	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00	0.00
02-7800-00.00 Depreciation Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-7900-00.09 Payroll-Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-7900-00.10 Payroll Processing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenditures	164,000.00	442,685.60	-278,685.60	35,385.06
Total Water Dept	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Total Debits: 5,660,800.92 Total Credits: 5,660,800.92

Total All Funds 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00

Grand Total Debits: 8,926,156.72 Grand Total Credits: 8,926,156.72